

## GERMANY FACES RAILWAY CRISIS

Workers May Attempt a Coup  
d'Etat to Seize the  
Ministry.

### ONE STRIKE HAS BEGUN

Radicals Are Divided, but Com-  
munist Element Is Seeking  
a Dictatorship.

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BERLIN, Jan. 7.—While a crisis in the  
conflict between the Prussian railway  
ministry and the shop and depot em-  
ployees has been averted, the almost  
general demands by railroad men all  
over the republic for higher wages, with  
threats of strikes, has precipitated an-  
other serious situation. The radical el-  
ements among the men are agitating for  
a revolutionary council of government.  
The radical unions, whose headquarters  
are in Frankfurt, are the chief agita-  
tors in the present difficulty.

The wage negotiations begun in Ber-  
lin will require a long time before they  
can be ended, yet the workers are de-  
manding the immediate grant of an in-  
crease of 50 pennings an hour. Demon-  
strations have occurred in Magdeburg,  
Cologne, Elberfeld, where a strike has  
started. Halle and Berlin; there are re-  
ports of unrest in Erfurt and also that  
it is spreading in Saxony. The Govern-  
ment fears that the radicals by a  
coup d'etat might seize the rail min-  
istry and precipitate a new revolution.  
The government has promised railroad  
workers of more than twenty-four  
years' service 3 marks 50 pennings an  
hour and has granted a temporary in-  
crease of 50 pennings (half a mark) in  
the Berlin district and slightly less in  
the others.

#### Delay Stimulates Radicals.

This attempt of the Government to  
bridge over a hazardous period has not  
had the desired effect because the  
workers are ignorant of the nature of  
the national contract and believe it al-  
ready has been accepted, but their 50  
pennings demand has modified a situation  
which dates back to the revolution. At  
that time the radicals obtained a strong  
hold on the railway shopmen and sta-  
tion and warehouse employees. The  
Frankfurt committee even planned last  
March a coup d'etat to capture the rail-  
road ministry.

The long delay coupled with the in-  
creased cost of living has caused a  
great measure of dissatisfaction, which  
has stimulated attempts by the radicals  
to establish their own shop committees  
and obtain their recognition by the  
ministry. The government also has  
tried to set up committees for speeding

work, in which labor supposedly was  
represented, but from which the radi-  
cals held aloof.

The radicals are divided among them-  
selves, those under communist leader-  
ship demanding shop committee control  
with the pronounced aim of bringing on  
a revolutionary dictatorship by the pro-  
letariat as quickly as possible, and  
those under the leadership of Indepen-  
dent Socialists demanding the support  
by labor of the regular shop steward  
organization soon to be established by  
law, awaiting the evolution of this into  
a proletarian dictatorship.

#### Subotage Has Been Common.

However, both wings are impatient  
over the dilatory tactics of the ministry  
so that a blunder might involve Ger-  
man industry in a catastrophe as well  
as starve the cities. It is a common  
report that there has been sabotage  
among the railway shopmen ever since  
the revolution; certainly the German  
railway system has become pitifully in-  
competent, although this may be due in  
part to inability to keep up repairs.

It is generally believed in govern-  
ment circles that the radicals are pro-  
ceeding on a definite programme to  
precipitate another revolution, first  
paralyzing communications and then  
using the consequent privation as proof  
of the incompetence of the present re-  
gime. This would be more likely to  
succeed were it not that the Independent  
Socialists are committed to a policy of  
awaiting the introduction of the shop  
steward system and proceeding system-  
atically to build it up until it is edu-  
cated enough to take over the manage-  
ment of industry.

The Boersen Zeitung says the calling  
of a strike at Elberfeld indicates that  
the railroad men there have gotten out  
of control of the union leaders.

## \$300,000,000 FUND TO TIDE OVER LINES

Senate and House Conferees  
Agree on Loan Fund for  
Carriers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Senate and  
House conferees, working to-day on  
the Esch and Cummins railroad bills,  
agreed on \$300,000,000 as the amount  
of a revolving fund from which car-  
riers would be permitted to borrow to  
tide themselves over the period im-  
mediately following their return to pri-  
vate operation.

The Cummins bill, passed by the  
Senate, fixed the amount at \$500,000,-  
000, and the Esch measure, passed by  
the House, made it \$250,000,000.

At two sessions to-day the conferees  
covered much ground and are about  
ready now to take up the real big ques-  
tions, over which a sharp fight is ex-  
pected. These are: The guarantee re-  
turn to the roads, rate making and the  
labor section, with its anti-strike pro-  
vision.

"I think we will soon see daylight  
ahead," said Senator Cummins (Iowa)  
to-night.

S. J. Lowell, master of the National  
Grange, told Senator Cummins of the  
recent referendum on the subject of re-  
taining the anti-strike clauses of the  
Cummins bill.

"We have taken a referendum of the  
thirty-three State masters, and so far as  
replies have been received they are  
unanimously in favor of retaining the  
anti-strike provisions," he said. "The  
Cummins bill protects the public's right  
to say to any organization of individ-  
uals created or permitted under the  
laws that such organizations shall not  
deliberately create conditions so oner-  
ous as a strangle hold on the rest of  
the public and then proceeds to use that  
strangle hold under the guise of indi-  
vidual liberty."

"The Grange and the farmers have  
no more sympathy for the use of such  
tactics by capital than they have for  
their use by labor. We demand a con-  
trol of the packer strangle hold on food  
products just as strong and with just as  
many teeth in it as we do of the con-  
trol of the strike strangle hold on rail-  
roads."

## SEEK COMPROMISE IN BRITISH RAIL WAR

Workers' Leaders Striving  
Hard for Acceptance of Gov-  
ernment's Offer.

### STAMFORD HONORS PREMIER'S DAUGHTER

Freedom of City Given Mme.  
Clemenceau-Jaquemaire.

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LONDON, Jan. 7.—The election of W.  
L. Abrahams, president of the Sheffield  
Trades Council, as chairman of the rail-  
waymen's conference, in which sixty  
delegates represent 600,000 workers, in-  
dicates the presence of a majority of  
moderates who will leave no stone un-  
turned to bring about a settlement based  
on the wage compromise offered by the  
Government. Present indications are  
that the conference will develop a battle  
royal between the officials and the dele-  
gates for supremacy.

The officials, who recommend accep-  
tance of the Government's terms, are  
at a disadvantage because they are dis-  
trusted by the rank and file owing to  
the unfortunate experiences of the rail-  
waymen with their leaders in the past.  
One of the latter said: "I expect that,  
figuratively, we shall be torn to pieces  
when we recommend acceptance, but  
we are prepared to face criticism and  
give all the information we can."

The view of J. H. Thomas, general  
secretary of the railwaymen's union is  
that a strike is the last, not the first,  
resource. The greater part of the ses-  
sion to-day was taken up by an explana-  
tion of the terms, and it is not likely  
that a decision will be reached before  
Thursday evening. It is probable that  
the decision will be in favor of reop-  
ening negotiations with the Government  
rather than a reference of the subject to  
the branches, and a ballot by the men  
is not regarded as likely. The railway-  
men as a rule are opposed to taking

ballots, which they consider allow their  
opponents time to prepare for strike  
breaking.

Ballots of the moulders show a slight  
majority in favor of resuming; a de-  
cision may be reached to-morrow. The  
miners are pressing their federation to  
permit a new wage demand, asserting  
that they are entitled to share in the  
increased profits of the coal industry.  
This matter will come up in the con-  
ference to Thursday. The miners  
executives will oppose the demand on  
the ground that it would weaken pub-  
lic support in the campaign for the  
nationalization of the mines.

## STAMFORD HONORS PREMIER'S DAUGHTER

Freedom of City Given Mme.  
Clemenceau-Jaquemaire.

The freedom of the city of Stam-  
ford, Conn., was given yesterday  
Mme. Madeleine Clemenceau-Jaquemaire,  
daughter of the Premier of France, with  
exercises at which Mayor John J. Treat  
presided. Georges Clemenceau taught  
French in a private school at Stamford  
many years ago.

Mme. Clemenceau-Jaquemaire said her  
visit to Stamford caused recollections  
that were very dear. She thanked  
Mayor Treat, as the representative of  
the city, for the honor conferred upon  
her. She went to Stamford to give a  
lecture under the auspices of an educa-  
tional organization.

Mme. Clemenceau-Jaquemaire was  
taken to the site of the Catherine Alken  
School, where her father taught. In  
her party was Marcel Knecht, French  
High Commissioner to the United States  
during the war.

#### De Marcellis Goes to Berlin.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.  
PARIS, Jan. 7.—M. de Marcellis, for-  
merly consul general and recently pro-  
moted to be minister plenipotentiary,  
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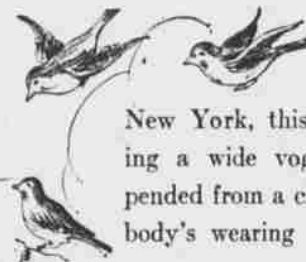
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Fourth Floor.

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